SPANISH PREPARATIONS IN BRITTANY
lyTH APRIL

people of that place in great fear of some attempt of the Spaniard At Blavet are seventeen flyboats and three galleys

zyd April THE FEAST OF ST GEORGE

This year at the feast there were present thirteen of the Knights of the Garter The Communion in the Chapel being ended, the Knights of the Order proceeded into the castle yard before her Majesty, who walked beneath a canopy of cloth of gold, lined with red, and held up by four There were present many noblemen and ladies and gentlemen of the Court, who passed three times round the yard that all might take a good view of them At the feast my Lord Cobham represented her Majesty, being honoured as if she herself had been present, the guards serving him on the knee, and the Earls (who handed tie water to him before and after) on both knees The feast began at one o'clock and continued for over three hours, many foreign gentlemen being present, among them the envoy of the Duke of Wirtenberg who would remind her Majesty of her pretended promise to bestow the Order on his master

z6th April THE DUKE OF WIRTENBERG'S ENVOY

To-day the Queen gave audience to the envoy of the Duke of Wirtenberg that would importune her of a promise that he should be admitted to the Order of St George , to whom the Queen returned answer that no such promise had been made nor could be, seeing that the Garter is not yet despatched to certain Kings that were a long time past elected by the Order She added that the Duke should suffer our merchants to carry on their trade in his realms with all security, and put down those that slander her person

$oth April TROOPS IN THE Low COUNTRIES

Her Majesty hath now in her pay in the Low

Countries
50 foot companies, being 4 of 200 men, 44 of 150, and 2 of 100 each, mating in all 7,600, which men with their winter and summer apparel, victuals, pay and other expenses cost annually £109,600

6th May LODGE'S * FIG FOR MOMUS '

There is a new book of Mr Thomas Lodge entitled *A Fig for Momus,* dedicated to noy Lord of Derby, being sundry satires,